

**RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – July 22, 2021**

**Caller Questions from July 8, 2021**

- 1. Chris from East Greenwich – Asked that we fix the sunken manhole cover that's hard to avoid on Route 2 South just past Frenchtown Road in East Greenwich**

RIDOT does not maintain or repair sanitary sewer assets in our roadway. The Town of East Greenwich has been notified and are working on scheduling the repairs as soon as possible. Chris can follow up with them at 886-8618 to check on their schedule.

- 2. John from Bristol – wants the guard rail on the east side of Metacom Avenue in Bristol removed and a sidewalk installed in the area of the Stop and Shop. He said the guardrail forces people into the road.**

We are looking at ways to put a temporary fix in place between now and when we're currently scheduled to address the pavement and sidewalks in this area in 2028.

- 3. Anthony from East Greenwich – Asked if we could get better signage coming from I-295 toward Phenix Avenue in Cranston**

By this fall, as part of our ongoing improvements to Route 37, we plan to add a sign directing motorists toward Phenix Avenue, and another designating the right lane is an exit only lane from Route 37 West to I-295 South.

- 4. Steve from Johnston – Asked if we could take care of the weeds growing in the center barriers coming into Rhode Island on the Airport Connector in Warwick**

Our Maintenance crews addressed the weeds, cut the grass and removed the litter on the Airport Connector on Tuesday, July 13.

### Email from a Previous Show

- 1. Mike from East Greenwich – Wanted to know why Route 2 in East Greenwich would be resurfaced but the crumbling sidewalks and curbs in front of his business were not replaced. He knows it was a National Grid project but asserted that additional work should have been done.**

National Grid's work only encompassed the roadway surface, not the curbs or sidewalks. Since their work was limited to the roadway, they were only obligated to restore that.

From our review, it appears the concrete has deteriorated over the years due to age and wear and tear. Had the original Physical Alteration Permit (PAP) required new curbing along the frontage of the business, we may not be having this issue now. Regardless, we don't have plans to address this part of Route 2 until 2029.

### Caller Question from a Previous Show

- 1. Arthur from Cumberland: Said Route 120 (Manville Hill Road) across from the Four Elms Condos in Cumberland is like a roller coaster**

I'm happy to report that we were able to add this part of Manville Hill Road to an existing project in the area. Pavement repairs should be made within the next month or so.

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